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It is respectfully requested that the art listed on the attached PTO Form 1449 be considered by the Patent Examiner in the above entitled application and made of record therein by including same in the "References Cited" portion of any patent to issue from this application. These patent documents are being brought to the Examiner's attention because they have been cited in the Search Report for the

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PCT application on this invention, PCT Application No. PCT/JP99/05290 filed September 28, 1999. Copies of these patent documents, as well as the Search Report (in Japanese), are included with this filing.

The attached Form 1449 lists the following:

- (1) Japanese Patent Application No. 10-215284;
- (2) Japanese Patent Application No. 11-155030;
- (3) Japanese Patent Application No. 11-3317;
- (4) Japanese Patent Application No. 10-89980;
- (5) Japanese Patent Application No. 10-111847;
- (6) Japanese Patent Application No. 10-164272;
- (7) EPO Patent Publication 0 695 985 A1;
- (8) PCT Patent Application No. PCT/US91/06002; Publication No.

WO 92/04671;

- (9) Japanese Patent Application No. 11-149451;
- (10) Japanese Patent Application No. 10-105516;
- (11) Japanese Patent Application No. 9-81518;
- (12) EPO Patent No. 0 686 905 A1;

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(13) Japanese Patent Application No. 8-106436; and

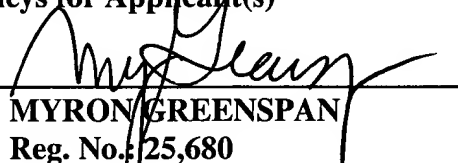
(14) Japanese Patent Application No. 7-200479.

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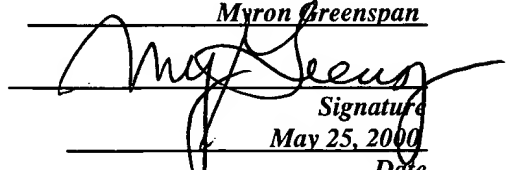
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